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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS CEREMONY TEXT

REF: JAKARTA 1789

1. FOLLOWING IS FULLY CLEARED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S
REMARKS FOR CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN
JAKARTA:

BEGIN QUOTE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THE LETTER BY WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES HAS APPOINTED ME AMBASSADOR EXTRA-
ORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA. I ALSO WISH TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR
FRANCIS J. GALBRAITH.

I FIRST VISITED THE SHORES OF YOUR COUNTRY AS A YOUNG
MAN AND HAVE RETAINED EVER SINCE A VIVID RECOLLECTION
OF ITS CHARM AND BEAUTY. DURING THE YEARS SINCE, I
WATCHED YOUR MARCH TOWARD INDEPENDENCE WITH
GREAT INTEREST AND RESPECT. I HAVE ADMIRERD THE
CONSTANT DETERMINATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN YOUR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.
SERVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT WORLD,
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I HAVE BEEN LONG AWARE OF THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

INDONESIA HAS MADE TO THE HISTORY OF THIS AREA AND
OF THE WIDER WORLD DURING THESE LAST THIRTY YEARS.

I FEEL MOST FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON BY
MY PRESIDENT TO SERVE IN INDONESIA AND LOOK FORWARD
TO BECOMING ACQUAINTED AT FIRST HAND WITH YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT, WITH YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR LEADERS FROM ALL
WALKS OF LIFE, PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY KNOWS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE
ALWAYS HAD A GREAT INTEREST IN INDONESIA AND HAVE
WISHED IT WELL. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE REMARKABLE
PROGRESS YOUR COUNTRY HAS MADE IN RECENT YEARS AND
ARE PLEASED THAT OUR COUNTRY AND ITS CITIZENS HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO COOPERATE IN THAT PROGRESS. THAT PRO-
GRESS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE QUALITIES OF
INDONESIA'S LEADERSHIP, INDONESIA'S PEOPLE AND THEIR
JOINT DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS WHICH
FACE THEIR COUNTRY.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO WATCHED WITH GREAT SATISFAC-
TION THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND GROWING ROLE YOUR COUNTRY
HAS COME TO PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, BOTH IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ELSEWHERE. PEOPLE AROUND THE
WORLD IN SEARCH OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND ORDER ARE
IN YOUR DEBT FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE
ACCEPTED IN PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION IN VIET NAM
AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY OF THE HIGH VALUE
WE PLACE ON THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT
HAPPILY OBTAIN BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT WILL BE
MY STRONG INTENTION TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER
TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THOSE RELATIONS.

THESE ARE TIMES OF CHANGE IN THE WORLD WHEN OLD
ASSUMPTIONS ARE BEING CHALLENGED AND RELATIONSHIPS
ARE BEING ADAPTED TO NEW TRENDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
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IT IS THE DESIRE OF MY GOVERNMENT, AND MY WISH
PERSONALLY, DURING THESE EVENTFUL TIMES TO HAVE THE
CLOSEST POSSIBLE COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT
SO THAT, IN THE STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH BIND
US, WE MAY MAINTAIN A CONSTANT THREAD OF TOTAL UNDER-
STANDING OF YOUR POINTS OF VIEW AND OF OURS. I CAN
ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE UNITED STATES
ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO OUR CONTINUING

FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

THE PAST RECORD OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES IS ONE IMPORTANT REASON WHY

I COME TO MY NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH CONFIDENCE AND
OPTIMISM. A SECOND REASON -- SOMEWHAT LESS TANGIBLE--
IS WHAT I SENSE MUST BE A FUNDAMENTAL SIMILARITY IN
OUR TWO PEOPLE'S OUTLOOKS, A SIMILARITY CAPTURED IN
YOUR NATIONAL MOTTO "UNITY IN DIVERSITY" AND OUR
NATIONAL MOTTO, "OUT OF MANY -- ONE".

MAY I CONCLUDE, MR. PRESIDENT, WITH THE PLEASANT
DUTY OF EXTENDING TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF
INDONESIA THE PERSONAL GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT
NIXON AS WELL AS HIS HOPE, SHARED BY THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN WORKING
TOWARD A JUST AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY FOR ALL YOUR
PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING CEREMONY DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE
OF TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOI WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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